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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH LPF NEGOTIATOR

SUMMARY. AT INDIAN RECEPTION LAST NIGHT SENIOR LPF NEGOTIATOR PHOUMI VONGVICHIT AND I HAD LIVELY 20- MINUTE CONVERSATION IN SIGHT OF RLG GOVERNMENT MEMBERS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS. AT NO TIME DID PHOUMI MAKE EFFORT TO BREAK OFF CONVERSATION. WE DISCUSSED THREE SUBJECTS: (A) SEARCH FOR MIAS; (B) RLG/ LPF NEGOTIATIONS; (C) THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF SOUVANNA IN A LAO SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY

1. SEARCH FOR MIAS. I ASKED PHOUMI WHETHER I COULD SEE HIM ABOUT THE MEMORANDUM I HAD LEFT WITH HIM PROPOSING THAT SEARCH FOR AMERICAN MIAS BE DISASSOCIATED FROM OTHER ASPECTS OF LAO NEGOTIATIONS (VIENTIANE 3315). PHOUMI SAID THAT HE HAD FORWARDED ENTIRE TEXT OF OUR MEMORANDUM TO SAM NEUA BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY. PHOUMI MENTIONED THAT HE URGED SAM NEUA TO START ASSEMBLING DATA ON MIAS AND HE BELIEVES THIS EFFORT NOW
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UNDER WAY. HE PROMISED TO INFORM ME AS SOON AS HE HAS REPLY FROM SAM NEUA ON OUR SUGGESTION TO ACTIVATE BODY IMMEDIATELY TO WORK ON MIA PROBLEM. I POINTED OUT THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE HAD AGREED TO HAVE A NUMBER OF BODIES OF AMERICAN PWS WHO HAD DIED IN CAPTIVITY PICKED UP IN VERY NEAR FUTURE WHICH REFLECTS THE WILLINGNESS OF DRVFACE AND DUE TO ARRIVE MID- JUNE.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE ENCLOSURE MATERIAL ON MAY 15 AIR LIFT AND SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS RE FURNISHINGS FOR PROPOSED SECOND AIRLIFT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
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